6. Replacement of fault prone paper-core cable by Polythene insulated jelly filled cable.

7. Rehabilitation of outdoor network.

8. Introduction of Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) for areas which are served beyond 2.5 Kms. which will eliminate the underground/overhead cables, thus reducing the faults.

9. Life of telephone instruments have been reduced from 10 years to 5 years.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Rental concession on landline telephones

2433. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the senior citizens granted rental concession on landline telephones in Delhi during the last one year;

(b) the number of cases still pending as on the 30th June, 2004;

(c) by when, they would be finalized; and

(d) whether Government are considering to extend such concession to other States also, if so, State-wise details thereof and by when, it would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) 12691 senior citizens were granted rental concession in MTNL, Delhi, during the last one year.

(b) 14 cases are pending as on 30-06-2004 on account of incomplete documents by the subscribers.

(c) These will be cleared as and when the subscribers complete the documents.

(d) No, Sir. Telephone service providers are to comply with Tariff Orders, Quality of Service Regulations and other directives issued from time to time by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) in this regard.